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1. There have recently been a number of Russian military personnel arriving in Albania as technical advisors. There have also been some Bulgarians arriving, who are installed in key positions in the Albanian Army. Most of them are in the security police. Parallel with this there has been a movement of the families of Russians out of Albania.
2. Both the Russians and the Albanian Government regard the army as a whole as unreliable. In the case of war, large desertions are expected. The garrisons of Vlone, Korce, Tirana, Elbasan, and Durres are regarded as the most reliable. Much more uncertain are the garrisons at Gjinokaster, Peshkopi, Kukes, Shkoder, and Delvine.
3. There is a new Russian ambassador, Kliment Danilovich Levychkin, in Tirana. His chief mission is to achieve a reconciliation between Enver Hoxha and Mehmet Shehu, a task in which his predecessor, Ambassador Chuvakhin did not succeed. Levychkin is also occupied with getting more Bulgarians into the security service, where they replace Russians. The Russians are more concerned with the control of the military units, the building up of coastal defenses and the modernization of Albanian harbors.
4. It is reliably reported that Enver Hoxha has asked for the stationing of more Russian fleet units in Albanian harbors.
5. The director of the new radio station is Peto Rito.<sup>1</sup> It was paid for with raw materials to the value of \$800,000, but announced as the "gift of the Russian people." Although the apparatus bore Russian markings, it was made in Hungary.
6. Russian military personnel are very well paid. A Russian colonel, for instance, gets \$1,200 a month, while an Albanian of the same rank received \$240. The Russians live rent-free. Russian officers receive a monthly

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ration of 5 kg of sugar, 5 kg of oil, 7.5 kg of meat, 5 kg of cheese, 40 eggs, and 30 kg of white flour.

7. The Yugoslav Cominformist refugees are militarily organized. Their head at present is the former Yugoslav General, Alekса Milanovic, who first fled to Bulgaria and was later sent to Albania. He speaks Albanian and Italian.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comments: There is no record in this office of Petro Rito. This may refer to Petro Kito former Director of the Albanian Radio.

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